

MINUTES

COUNCIL ADMINISTRATOR FORM OF GOVERNMENT FOR AIKEN COUNTY

COUNCIL CHAMBERS, 736 RICHLAND AVENUE, W., AIKEN, S. C.

REGULAR MEETING – FEBRUARY 21, 2006 – 7:00 P. M.

(A) CALL TO ORDER

Determining that a quorum was present, Chairman Young called the meeting to order.

Council Members present:

Chairman Ronnie Young
Kathy Rawls
Scott Singer
LaWana McKenzie
Chuck Smith
Charles Barton
Gary Bunker

Council Members absent:

Eddie Butler
Willar H. Hightower, Jr.

Also present:

J. Clay Killian, County Administrator
Robert M. Bell, County Attorney
Chris Ceasar, Assistant Council Clerk

(B) INVOCATION

Councilwoman McKenzie led in the invocation.

(C) PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Councilman Bunker led in the Pledge of Allegiance.

(D) APPROVAL OF MINUTES

1. February 1, 2006 Worksession
2. February 1, 2006 Regular Meeting

- a. Councilman Smith made a motion to approve the minutes. Councilwoman McKenzie seconded.
- b. The minutes were approved by unanimous vote with Councilwoman Rawls abstaining.

(E) APPROVAL OF AGENDA

- a. Councilman Barton made a motion to amend and approve the agenda as follows:
 1. Delete Old Business Item 1.
 2. Delete Consent Items 2, 6, 7, 15, and 17.
 3. Amend Consent Item 24 – Transfer three buses to Lower Savannah Council of Governments instead of two.

4. Amend Consent Item 25 – to award the bid to T. B. Bulldozing, Inc. for paving of Perron Garvin Road.
 5. Amend Consent Item 12 – to correct the address from 1750 Sand Bar Ferry Road to 263 Dobson Road, Beech Island, SC.
 6. Add Consent Item 28 – Proposed Resolution To Honor and Congratulate Mr. Richard Goehring on His 100th Birthday.
 7. Add Consent Item 29 – Proposed Voice Motion To Allocate \$1,900 for the Powderhouse/Whiskey Road Connector Study.
- b. Councilman Smith seconded the motion. The amended agenda was approved by unanimous vote.

(F) OLD BUSINESS

1. Special Request by Councilman Hightower
 - a. **DELETED**

(G) CONSENT AGENDA/INTRODUCTION OF ORDINANCES FOR FIRST READING

I. REGULAR CONSENT AGENDA

1. Proposed Resolution to Appoint One Member to Designated Boards, Commissions and Committees with Terms of the Appointees to Run Concurrent with that of the Councilmember from Districts 1, 2, 3, 4, 6, and 7.
(Rawls, Singer, McKenzie, Smith, Barton, Bunker)
2. Proposed Resolution to Appoint Two Persons to the Thoroughbred Country Tourism Advisory Committee.
(Development Committee)
DELETED
3. Proposed Resolution to Appoint a Member to the Animal Control Advisory Committee.
(County Council)
4. Proposed Resolution to Approve the Allocation of Funds for Various Non-Profit Agencies from the FY 2006 Council Contingency Fund.
(County Council)
5. Proposed Resolution to Authorize the Council Chairman to Enter into an Agreement with Rucker Removal Service for Coroner's Transports.
(Judicial and Public Safety Committee)
6. Proposed Resolution to Adopt a Natural Hazard Mitigation Plan for Aiken County.
(Judicial and Public Safety Committee)
DELETED
7. Proposed Resolution to Request that Aiken County's Ambulance Service be Authorized as a Participating Provider with the State Health Plan.
(Administrative Committee)
DELETED

8. Proposed Resolution to Authorize the Distribution of State Accommodations Tax Funds.
(Development Committee)
9. Proposed Resolution to Authorize the Acceptance of Power Engineering Company, Inc. of Columbia, SC, as the Design Engineer for a Portion of Old Bell Road (C-774), 1.10 Miles of the C-Fund Program.
(Development Committee)
10. Proposed Resolution to Authorize the Acceptance of SITE-Blauvelt Engineers, Inc. of Lexington, SC as the Design Engineer for Peach Cider Road (C-610), 2.20 Miles of the C-Fund Program.
(Development Committee)
11. Proposed Resolution to Waive Certain Sign Limits for a Free Standing Sign for Palmetto Tire & Brake Center, Inc. Located at 2355 Jefferson Davis Hwy, Warrentonville, SC.
(Development Committee)
12. Proposed Resolution to Waive Certain Sign Limits for a Free Standing Sign for Lamar Advertising Located at 263 Dobson Road, Beech Island, SC.
(Development Committee)
AS AMENDED
13. Proposed Resolution to Assign the Official Road Names to Existing Un-Named Roads in County Council Districts 1 and 5.
(Rawls, Butler)
14. Proposed Resolution to Authorize the Council Chairman to Enter into an Agreement with Newberry Pathology Assoc. for Autopsies.
(Judicial and Public Safety Committee)
15. Proposed Resolution to Authorize the Council Chairman to Enter into an Agreement with Evans M. Bunch III & Associates, Inc for Abstracting Services.
(Administrative Committee)
DELETED
16. Proposed Resolution to Direct that Speed Limit Signs be Erected on Marie Drive (C-2329) Located in Council District 3 and on Pioneer Place (C-2198) Located in Council District 6.
(McKenzie, Barton)
17. Proposed Resolution to Authorize the Council Chairman to Enter into an Agreement with Patterson Pump Company for the Refurbishment of Aerated Sewage Pump #1 at Pump Station #3 (PS#3) at an Estimated Cost of \$35,000 for the Horse Creek Wastewater Treatment Plant.
(Development Committee)
DELETED
18. Proposed Resolution to Authorize the Council Chairman to Enter into Agreements with Tri-Anim and Sunbelt Medical for Drugs for Emergency Services.
(Judicial and Public Safety Committee)
19. Proposed Resolution to Accept Easements on Browns Pond Road (C-683), Flowing Well Road (S-264), Joyce Branch Road (C-710), Old Bell Road (C-774), Old Tory Trail (C-

777), Snipes Road (C-298), and Washington Road (C-874) Needed for Capital Projects Sales Tax Paving Project.
(Development Committee)

20. Proposed Resolution to Authorize the Council Chairman to Execute an Intergovernmental Agreement with Allendale County, Bamberg County, Barnwell County, Calhoun County and Orangeburg County for the South Carolina GIS Water and Sewer Line Update Project.
(Development Committee)
21. Proposed Resolution to Accept \$10,239.24 from the United States Department of Justice for the FY 2006 Bulletproof Vest Program.
(Judicial and Public Safety Committee)
22. Proposed Resolution to Authorize the Submission of Grants by the Parks, Recreation and Tourism Department for Improvements at Langley Pond.
(Development Committee)
23. Proposed Resolution to Authorize the Council Chairman to Enter into Agreements with Supreme Medical, Matrix Medical Inc, Emergency Medical Supply, Tri-anim Health Services Inc, Southeastern Emergency Equipment, Progressive Medical International, and Kentron Health Care for Medical Supplies.
(Judicial and Public Safety Committee)
24. Proposed Resolution to Authorize the County Administrator to Dispose of Three Buses and Transfer Them to the Lower Savannah Council of Governments.
(Development Committee)
AS AMENDED
25. Proposed Resolution to Authorize the Council Chairman to Enter into an Agreement with T. B. Bulldozing, Inc. for Perron Garvin Road Paving.
(Development Committee)
AS AMENDED
26. Proposed Resolution to Accept an Easement on Sawyer Road (C-617) Needed for Capital Projects Sales Tax Paving Project.
(Development Committee)
27. Proposed Resolution to Authorize Extension of Engineering and Construction Contracts for Browns Pond Road and Flowing Well Road.
(Development Committee) (Information to be Distributed)
28. Proposed Resolution To Honor and Congratulate Mr. Richard Goehring on His 100th Birthday.
(Singer)
ADDITION
29. Proposed Voice Motion To Allocate \$1,900 for the Powderhouse/Whiskey Road Connector Study.
ADDITION
 - a. Councilwoman Rawls made a motion to approve the Consent Agenda. Councilwoman McKenzie seconded.
 - b. Councilman Barton stated that he was abstaining on Consent Item 11.

- c. Councilman Bunker stated that he was voting in opposition on Consent Items 11 and 12.
- d. Councilman Singer stated that he also was voting in opposition to Consent Item 11 and 12. He commented on the appointment to the Animal Control Advisory Committee and what the Committee's actual purpose and direction should be. Councilman Singer requested that the appropriate Committee, the Development Committee, give the Animal Control Advisory Committee some clear direction as to what their purpose is. In regards to Items 11 and 12 Councilman Singer explained that a moratorium had been placed on signs until the new Land Management Ordinance was approved. Since the LMO had not been approved, several waivers of the sign moratorium had been made. It would be fairer to citizens and businesses if the LMO was in place. After some clarification from Councilwoman Rawls on Consent Item 12, he removed his negative vote on that Item.
- e. Councilman Smith stated that he was voting in opposition to Consent Item 5 because he thought that there were significant shortfalls in the Request For Proposal system and how that particular RFP was prepared.
- f. All the Consent Agenda items passed by unanimous vote with the exception of Consent Items 5, 11, and 12 which were approved by majority vote. Councilman Barton abstained on Consent Item 11. Councilman Singer voted in opposition to Consent Item 11. Councilman Bunker voted in opposition to Consent Items 11 and 12. Councilman Smith voted in opposition to Consent Item 5.

(H) ITEMS FOR INFORMATION AND THE PUBLIC RECORD

- 1. Fiscal Year 2006 Aiken County Contingency Report as of February 8, 2006.

(I) INFORMAL MEETING OF WHOLE

- a. Ms. Tina Bevington stated that her intent when discussing issues with Council was only express her opinion not to make enemies.
- b. Mr. Bill Harris asked when Perron Garvin Road was going to be paved. Councilwoman Rawls explained that Council had approved that project earlier in the meeting and that the paving project would begin soon.
- c. Councilman Bunker made a motion to recess for Executive Session. Councilwoman McKenzie seconded.
- d. The motion to recess passed by unanimous vote.

RECESSED – 7:30 P. M.

(J) EXECUTIVE SESSION

- 1. Legal Matters:
 - a. Status Report on Pending Litigation, Legal Claims and Legal Advice.
(County Attorney) (Verbal)
- 2. Contractual Matters:
- 3. Personnel Matters:

RECONVENED – 8:58 P. M.

- a. Following Executive Session Councilman Singer made a Voice Motion to adjust the salary of some elected officials so that their salary is adjusted based on longevity as of the date of implementation of the Archer System. Councilman Bunker seconded the Voice Motion.
- b. The Voice Motion was approved by majority vote with Councilman Smith voting in opposition.
- c. Councilman Bunker made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Councilwoman McKenzie seconded.
- d. The motion to adjourn passed by unanimous vote.

(K) ADJOURNMENT – 9:00 P. M.

Respectfully submitted,

SIGNED:

Tamara Sullivan, Council Clerk

Ronnie Young, Chairman